



Thank you so much



I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who supported our very exciting fundraiser last week. The children had a wonderful day completing at least four challenges in order to meet their **WELL-BEING** target. From mile runs, to yoga sessions, the Singlegate community demonstrated their ability to embrace and enjoy **FITNESS** at all levels. We raised an incredible **£900.00** which has of course been shared between the Evelina Ward at Guys Hospital and our second phase of our playground development. Completing the Urban tri-athlon challenge 'topped' the week of nicely securing a grand total of **£1,882. Your support is very much appreciated.**



Going For Gold!

We are thrilled to have been awarded the Gold Sportsmark Award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of the sport and fitness opportunities we provide.

We achieved this award for our:

- commitment to delivering outstanding PE sessions and sporting experiences
- participating in intra-school competitions (within school)
- participation in inter-school competitions (external competitions)
- Year 5 Sport Leadership Initiative
- extensive provision of extra-curricular clubs and for providing the continued Professional Development of wider school staff to support PE.

This year, our aim is to continue to develop the children's understanding of a variety of sports through our Spotlight on Sport initiative and to enrich what is already a great PE curriculum.

Dear Families,



Curriculum. We are also excited to develop children's skills of sportsmanship, competitiveness and performance across a variety of sports as we compete in a greater number of inter school competitions against other schools within the local borough.

We are very proud of our award and look forward to another great year full of sport and fun!

and another award.....

We are incredibly proud to be able to inform families that this year we have achieved the Gold School Travel Plan award accreditation. This award is the culmination of three years of work by our JTA teams and staff to promote sustainable travel at all levels and to reduce our carbon footprint. Across the last three years we have run a number of fun initiatives which children from Nursery right up to Year 6 have taken part in, including

- Biker's Breakfasts
- Design a bike from natural materials homework
- Cycle training for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Scooter training for the Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2
- WoW badge and Debra the Zebra design competitions
- Debra the Zebra, Road Safety and homework challenge assemblies delivered by our JTA's
- Bike to School and Bling Your Bike competitions

Since 2014 the percentage of children travelling to school on foot has increased from 28% to an incredible

51%, with the percentage of children travelling to school by sustainable means (cycling, scooting and walking) at a whopping 80%! This is a fantastic improvement and we would like to thank all of our families for making the effort to travel more sustainably.

Playground equipment

I would like to make all families aware of the fact that allowing their children to play on our play equipment before and after school is done so at their own risk. We would be very grateful if all families could vacate the school premises by 3.40 pm because some of our extra-curricular activities do access the back playground. Your understanding is appreciated.

Dates for this week

Wednesday 4th October at 6.30 pm—French residential meeting for Year 6 families

Thursday 5th October at 6.00 pm—Phonics workshop for the Foundation Stage families

Week beginning 9th October—20th October—Federated 50 Things To Do Before You Are 11 3/4 fortnight

Monday 9th October—PAR Day slips deadline

Wednesday 11th October at 6.00 pm—Mathematics workshop for the Foundation Stage families

Friday 13th October—MUFTI day

Monday 16th October—French residential deposit deadline

Tuesday 17th October—Year 6 Survival Day

Friday 20th October—Farmers Market

Monday 23rd—27th October—half-term holiday

Monday 30th October—INSET day for staff (school closed for the children)

Tuesday 31st October—all children return to school





Dear Families,

Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's personal, social, academic or physical development then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you feel that you require further assistance with any matter then please make an appointment to see either of the Assistant Headteachers who are Mrs Pitt in the Foundation Stage and Mr Bostock for Years 5 and 6. Mrs Newman as a newly appointed phase leader may be contacted if you have a concern about your Year 2 child and Mrs Wozniak if you have a concern about your Year 1 child. Miss Bloxsome in her capacity as Acting Deputy Headteacher will have direct responsibility for Years 3 and 4. If you still require further assistance please contact Mrs Hart our Associate Headteacher or myself. We would prefer that you come to see us as soon as a concern arises so that we can respond immediately to support a successful solution. The office team will be available in the school office to answer any immediate queries and will also be able to make appointments for you with our staff.

Timetabled family consultations will take place in **November after the half-term holiday.**

Head and Deputy Head Boy/ Girl

Our newly elected team are:

Head Boy: **Mikey Stovold**

Head Girl: **Iara David Lamb**

Deputy Head Boy: **Ellis Kennedy-Nunez**

Deputy Head Girl: **Bianka Drozd**

Please do make sure that you check our Federated website on www.swmf.org.uk for up to date information regarding up and coming school events and Federated successes.

Main events/dates for this term will be available to you all by the end of this week.

Extra-curricular activities

All extra-curricular activities start the week beginning 18th September. You will receive a ParentMail in the next few days detailing the choices for your child.



PE kits and uniform

Please do make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day of the week ready for washing at weekends. Your child must be dressed in a smart school uniform every day leaving hoodies and brightly coloured jumpers/cardigans at home. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only so please make sure your child is wearing shoes on a daily basis. Trainers may be changed into for lunchtime play if necessary. Please do support your child in their organisation of resources for the school day to avoid any unnecessary upset because of regular reminders from staff.

Online homework (Mathletics)

Please be aware that you will all soon be receiving details about our newly revised online homework plan for this academic year. You will all have the opportunity of working more closely with your child in completing Mathematics tasks with your child that match exactly what the children are learning in the classroom with much improved access and challenge.

Information sent to you via ParentMail will include your child's specific password and instructions for access. We can't wait to launch this new programme and we welcome your feedback.

Reviewing our Behaviour For Learning Management Strategies

This September all staff have been involved in a review of our behaviour management strategies which we launched last year.

As part of this review we have developed a series of progressive sanctions as well as reviewing how we celebrate and reward excellent behaviour choices. **Our Choices** that we expect all children to adhere to have been revisited and consist of the following:

- we choose to work hard and try our best
- we choose to be honest and take responsibility
- we choose to be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we choose to ask for help when we don't understand
- we choose to listen to others
- we choose to keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- we choose to look after each other, the school and resources
- we choose to take risks and be brave
- we choose to be grateful and appreciative

We will be reminding the children of these expectations and rewarding the children every time they follow Our Choices consistently. The following rewards will continue to support the choices our children make:

- verbal praise
- visiting a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share and celebrate the excellent behaviour choices
- receiving an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker/certificate from either Mrs Inglis, Mrs Hart or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at playtime/ lunchtime, lining up first etc.

Our school website will include information about the children who receive 'WOW cards' or achievement certificates. Please do check this weekly.

If your child's choices concern us we want to make you as fully aware and as involved as possible.

It is our priority to maintain a consistent approach to managing our high expectations of behaviour both at school and at home in partnership with you.

Mrs N Bull